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1. The airfield was west of Gorki (43°10' E/56°14' N), Gorki Ob-
last, north of the highway to Moscow. An aircraft plant was
immediately east of the field and a road ran just south of it
in a western direction to the Vinsky-Dom settlement. The south-
ern section of the field was about 900 meters long. The landing
field had a grass cover.
2. A large building with antenna and windcone was on the eastern
edge and three or four large hangars on the northern and north-
eastern edges. The apron in front of the hangars was of asphalt.
3. The hangars were generally occupied by 15 to 20 conventional
fighters. A plane coming from the south made daily landings
at the field at 12:30 p.m., another plane from the west at
4:30 p.m.
4. A jet aircraft with the following features appeared for the
first time in April or May 1949: elevator assembly
set high at rudder assembly, contrary to the later observed
type. Jet power plant in fuselage, "large aperture" in nose,
fuselage step close to rudder assembly. Elevator assembly
swept back and shaped like a "fish tail." Section of fuselage
forward of wings shorter than aft of wings. Cockpit set for-
ward of wings and very flat.

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5. It was rumored in the P camp that the aircraft were flown by
former German jet fighter pilots.

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Comment:

The information confirms previous reports, according to which
it was assumed that the jet aircraft manufactured in Aircraft
Plant No. 21 were test flown at the Gorki field. In addition to
these planes a fighter regiment equipped with conventional aircraft
or a fighter school was also stationed there. The jet aircraft
type observed is probably a swept-back type

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